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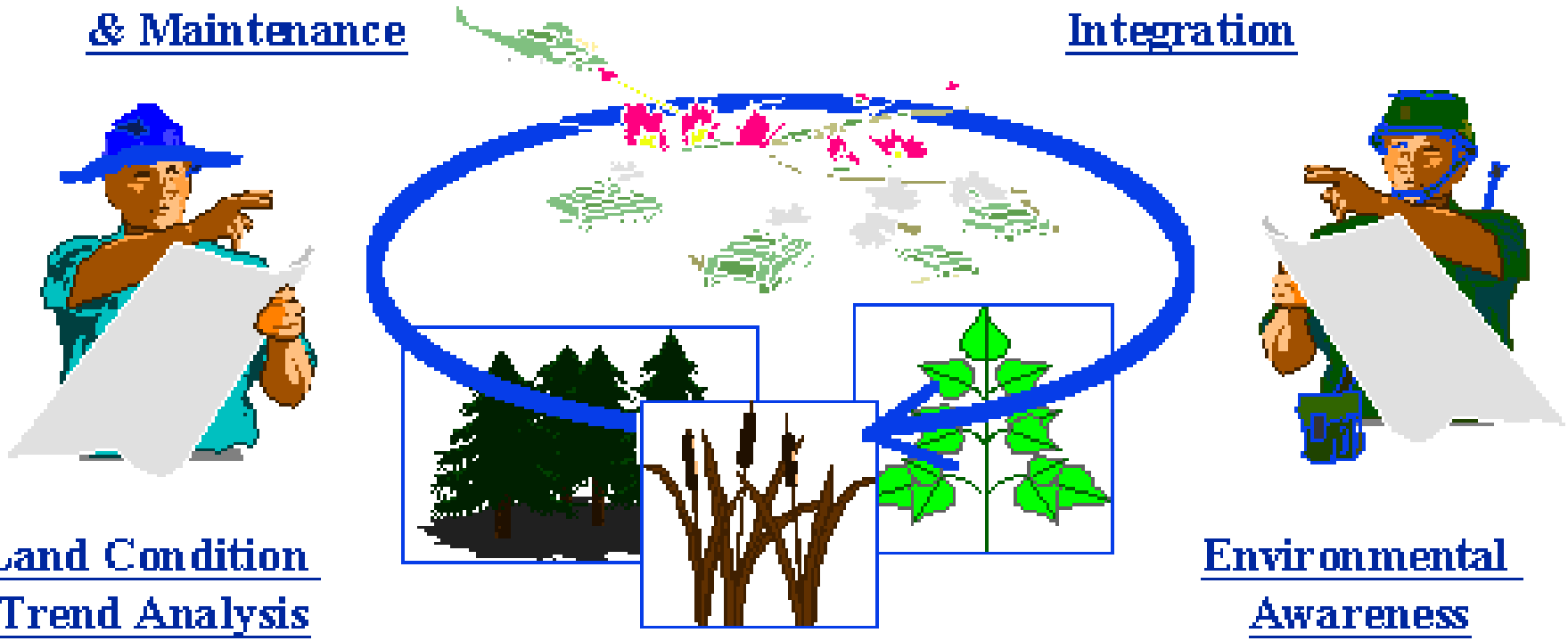
Land Rehabilitation & Maintenance

Training Requirements Integration



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- Three national Workshops highlighted the need for collaborative effort that provides guidance and direction for ARNG LCTA data collection and use.

- Currently there is no written guidance on how to summarize LCTA data, what information is required as a result of LCTA data collection or reporting format from any NGB directorate.

"Sustainment of Training"
is basis for all data gathering and analysis.

ARNG LCTA WORKING GROUP

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- Charter Signed 15 Jan 01 by NGB-ART and NGB-ARE
  - One year timeframe with four goals

  - Develop a template that integrates LCTA data into a simple living document/report at the installation level that meets the training needs of the installations, the protective measures required by law and establish mitigation plans to ensure training will continue to meet the changing needs of the ARNG.
  - Develop a sample Statement of Work for the analysis of the data.
  - Develop a simple means of reporting annually the condition of the training lands through the state headquarters to NGB-ART and NGB-ARE.
  - Develop a means and template for a consolidated training land status report.

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- Purpose
  - Some sites are collecting data just to collect data
    - Commanders and Trainers don't see the value or need
  - Provide guidance to sites where LCTA needs support
    - Program in support of training
    - Have expected outcomes and then gather data to prove or disprove
    - Use ecosystems as the lowest level of management
    - Use a data collection processes that becomes the installation report

Working Group Goal One

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- Develop a template that integrates LCTA data into a simple living document/report at the installation level that meets the training needs of the installations, the protective measures required by law and mitigation plans to ensure that training will continue to meet the changing needs of the ARNG.

  – I Recommended to the Working Group that the HI Trainer's Report that was highlighted at the 9th Annual DA ITAM LCTA Day be the NGB starting point for our template.

"1998 Land Condition Trend Analysis
East Range Training Area
Trainer's Report"

– One of the over arching points under consideration is the:

time/effort vs. return/benefit

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Working Group Goal Two

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- Develop a sample Statement of Work for the analysis of the data.

- Only discussed this topic in general terms. The result is that we need two basic templates for large and small installations.
  - Desert environment
  - Forest environment

  May evolve to different terminology

- Additionally it was discussed that a set of standard questions needs to be part of the SOW to ensure uniformity

Working Group Goal Three

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- Develop a simple means of reporting annually the condition of the training lands through the state headquarters to NGB-ART and NGB-ARE.

- This goal was not explored as we felt that when goal four was answered we would be able to address this issue.

  – Will be focused on training requirement for today and training exceptions in the future.

Working Group Goal Four

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- Develop a means and template for a consolidated training land status report.

- The challenge in this goal is three fold: to ensure the data is relative across the to the training requirement, does not increase current plot numbers or monitoring frequency, and ease of use.

- Two means of reporting were discussed.
  - Rapid Biological Assessment
  - Land management level of comparing desirable vs. undesirable species as an indicator of the health of the training lands

Results From Hawaii Document Review

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- The plan is geared for trainers and training requirements, which is the purpose of ITAM.
- It presents a less costly strategy of identifying areas requiring rehabilitation so that training is not impacted.
- Good basis for setting up LRAM projects and for keeping the land training-ready.
- Provides a non-technical doorway into what LCTA can do.
- Creating these types of reports enables us to "market" LCTA.
- Document’s stated objective is to report on the findings of LCTA monitoring.
- Gives the trainers and troops a great training aid.

Recommendation

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- Use two ARNG Training sites to independently build draft SOW and draft reports (Orchard Training Area, ID and Camp Ripley, NM) using the comparing desirable vs. undesirable species as this relates to the management goals of the INRMP and training requirements.

- As a result of our first meeting it came up that training of new staff is not happening or is outdated. Once a standard is established the Working Group recommends that the ARNG develop LCTA training to enforce the objectives.

- Share information to all training sites using members as conduit for information to the committee.

Where We Are Today

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- We have received both draft reports for review by the Working group.
- The Working Group comments due to NGB by Oct 01 for consolidation and recommendation.
- Examining the possibility of providing an outline as the template vs. a document.

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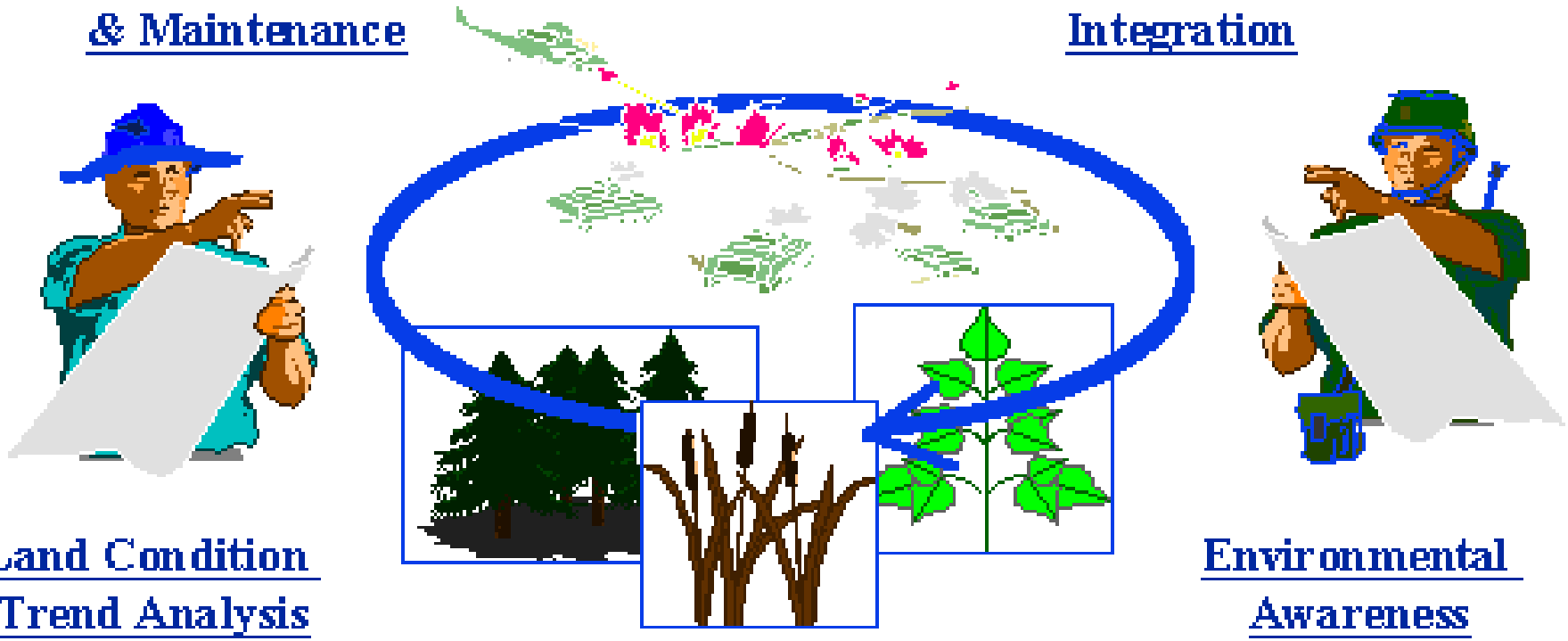

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